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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jose Luis Medrano-Rios, 29, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 85 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for illegally re-entering the United States after previously being deported. Medrano-Rios pleaded guilty to this charge on August 21, 2007.

Medrano-Rios was found in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, on April 9, 2007, after he was arrested by law enforcement officers for local offenses. Local officials determined that Medrano-Rios was in the United States illegally and they contacted U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Medrano-Rios's sentence reflected the fact that in 2001 he was convicted in California of residential burglary, an aggravated felony. Medrano-Rios had previously been deported on October 13, 2006.

The charge against Medrano-Rios was the result of an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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